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LETTER DATED 23 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 23 July 1993, from my President to Your Excellency.

May I request your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 23 July 1993 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Security Council, by its resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993), decided that the capital city of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, and other such threatened areas, in particular the towns of Tuzla, Žepa, Goražde, Bihać as well as Srebrenica and their surroundings be treated as safe areas by all the parties concerned and should be free from armed attacks and from any other hostile act (para. 3 of resolution 824) and established immediate military, humanitarian and other measures for the implementation of the concept of safe areas.

Regarding the striking deterioration of the overall situation in the city of Mostar and its surroundings, due to continuing armed attacks of HVO units and great suffering of civilian population, deprived of food, medicines, water and electricity, we address you with the request to, along with the above-mentioned areas, declare the city of Mostar and its surrounding, with about 126 thousand of inhabitants before the war, being the economic and the cultural centre of Herzegovina with numerous monuments belonging to the world cultural and historical heritage, a safe area and to urgently take all the measures, foreseen by resolutions 824 and 836.

It is solely the immediate and adequate decision of the Security Council that could save lives of thousands of endangered inhabitants of Mostar and its surrounding.

Hoping that our request will meet your understanding.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ